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WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING
OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL
COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

QUESTION OF EAST TIMOR

Letter dated 8 July 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the Acting Chairman of the Special Committee

With reference to the aide-mémoire of the Special Committee dated 8 July 1994 concerning requests from persons as well as organizations to appear as petitioners to speak about the so-called question of East Timor, I wish to convey the position of my delegation, which is as follows.

The process of decolonization of East Timor has been carried out in conformity with the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and of General Assembly resolutions 1514 (XV) and 1541 (XV), thus terminating the colonial status of the former Territory. Consequently, the integration of East Timor into the Republic of Indonesia was formalized on 17 July 1976 as its twenty-seventh province with rights and obligations equal to those of the other provinces.

In this context, my delegation reiterates its firm view that the retention of this so-called question of East Timor on the agenda of the Special Committee and the resultant granting of hearings to petitioners by the Committee would be unwarranted and hence unacceptable.

I would aporeciate it if the present letter could be circulated as an official document of the Special Committee.

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